

American Column Co.

LIMITED

Battle Creek, Mich.





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STAY-LOCKED COLUMNS
DO STAY LOCKED



HERE are not—and cannot be any other columns like Stay-Locked Columns. All important processes of their manufacture, as well as the special machines of our own invention employed in producing them, are fully protected by patents.

Remove this protection and there is not a column manufacturer in the country who would not gladly discard their present makeshift mode of construction and pirate our methods and ideas. The ordinary methods of column building, in contrast to ours, are amateurish and crude, in fact there is absolutely no room for comparison—Stay-Locked Columns are different in every way—use them once and you never will be satisfied with any other kind.

Put Stay-Locked Columns on your porch and they will be good as new, years after your neighbor was compelled to tear out those which he thought were “just as good”.

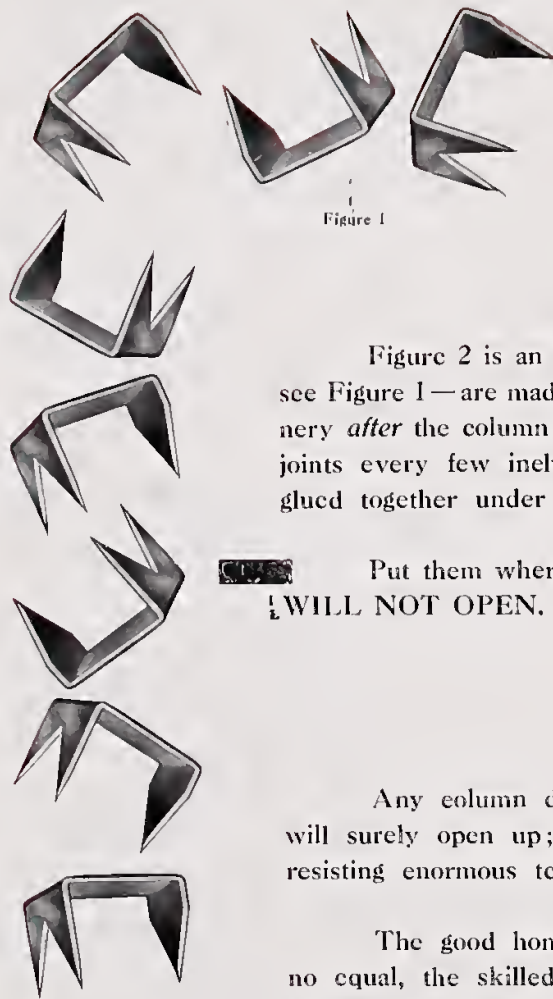


Figure 1

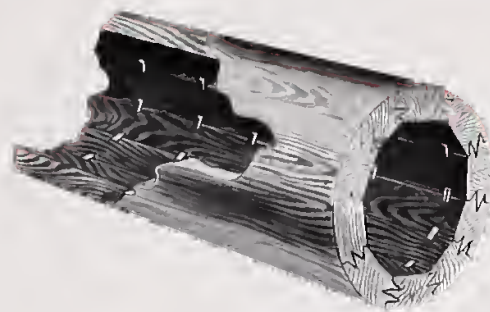


Figure 2

Double V Joint, Moisture Proof

Staples Straddle the Joints every few inches

Figure 2 is an interior view showing how the staves are locked by the staples. These staples—see Figure 1—are made in our own mill of the strongest cold rolled steel and are driven in by special machinery *after* the column is glued up, not in the ends only, but throughout the entire column, straddling the joints every few inches—see figure 2—the peculiar double V joint is moisture proof and the staves are glued together under enormous hydraulic pressure before the staples are driven in.



Put them where you will, in the hottest room, the driest or dampest climate, they **POSITIVELY** WILL NOT OPEN.

WE GUARANTEE IT

Any column depending on glue alone to hold it together is not a reliable column as the joints will surely open up; our columns do not depend on glue, but the sturdy little staples, capable of resisting enormous tension, hold the joints secure and tight and will not permit them to open.

The good honest material, the thick caps and bases, the staple locked construction which has no equal, the skilled workmanship, in fact the entire general make-up of our columns place them far in advance of all others. We make any size or design.

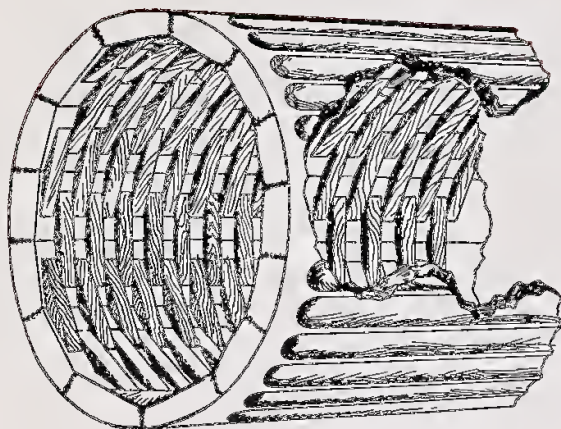


Figure 1

Our Lock Cleat Corrugated Joint Construction

for very large columns; approved and highly recommended by the leading architects and builders.

Fig. 1 shows how cleats are placed crosswise with the staves.

Fig. 2 shows the corrugated joint which is laid in white lead and cross nailed every few inches with cement coated nails; each cleat is glued and nailed with four cement coated nails making it absolutely impossible for the joints to open.



Figure 2

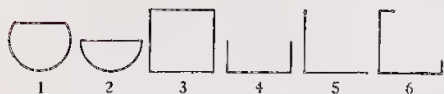


This half-tone is taken from an actual photograph of the interior of one of the immense Corinthian columns made by us for the beautiful Keith residence, Beaumont, Texas, which is illustrated in this catalogue.

These columns are 26 inches x 21 feet 6 inches and made of 2 inch staves with our cleated construction and are far more rigid and stronger than if made of 3 inch or 4 inch staves as constructed by other column makers.

This order was entrusted to us by the contractor, Mr. David Getaz, Knoxville, Tenn.

Read His Testimonial



PILASTER DESIGN

"The immense Corinthian Columns shipped me to Beaumont, Texas, are **PERFECT** in every respect. They are for the J. F. Keith residence, the finest in Texas."

DAVID GETAZ, Builder,
Knoxville, Tenn.



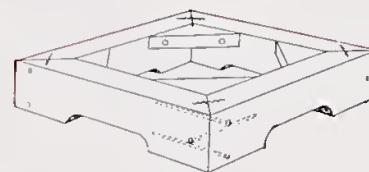
INTERIOR OF LARGE COLUMN



TURNING A 36-INCH BASE

WE MAKE HONEST COLUMNS

Honest from the Ground Up

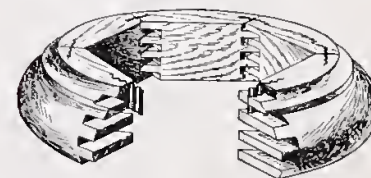


SQUARE BASE

Begin with the square base, note the mitered corners re-enforced with corner blocks, nailed with cement coated nails and corrugated fasteners; **NO END WOOD TO CHECK AND THE CORNERS CANNOT OPEN UP.**

Round Bases

are made in the same manner and as there is a continuous air space through both the bases and the shaft all danger from decay is overcome.



ROUND BASE — DORIC

Columns can be fluted either Ionic or Doric, full or part length. Our fluting is true and perfect, being done on special machines of our own invention.

Columns can be fitted with Ionic bases and any model of capital; our capitals are weather-proof and thoroughly guaranteed.

Please Don't Cut This Catalogue, ORDER BY NUMBER

Remember that any goods not satisfactory may be returned, and we bear all the expense

We are sole owners of the following patents under which our columns are protected: —

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| U. S. Patent, | 724420 | | April 7, 1903 |
| " " | 826081 | | July 17, 1906 |
| " " | 826082 | | July 17, 1906 |
| Canadian Patent, | 84082 | | Nov. 24, 1903 |
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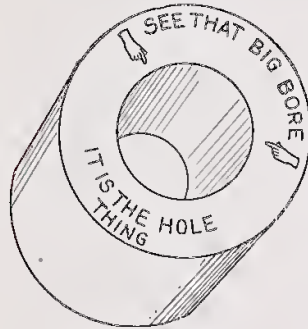
IONIC
FLUTING



DORIC
FLUTING

SOLID LARGE BORED COLUMNS

These columns are made of Michigan white poplar in all sizes from 6 inches in diameter up to 9 inches by 9 feet.



Sometimes we have in stock a limited number of bolts that will turn 12 inches.

The heart is entirely removed by boring a 3 to 6 inch hole according to diameter of shaft; this effectually prevents checking or warping.

These columns are in great demand for interior as well as exterior work, as they take enamel or may be stained to perfectly imitate oak, mahogany or other fancy woods.

Please do not confuse these with other bored columns; ours are different and always reliable. We do not use fir, cedar, spruce or any other Western stock.

White poplar is found in but few sections of the state; it is an ideal wood for column work and is very lasting. We have used it nearly seventeen years and know it is trustworthy.

GOOD enough for the millionaire's palatial home;
CHEAP enough for the modest cottage.

Warehouse "B" in which we carry a stock of 3000 finished columns and 2000 rough shafts ready for turning in all the various sizes. Orders for stock columns are usually shipped same day as received.

SEND LIST OF WHAT YOU NEED AND
WE WILL QUOTE DELIVERED PRICES



Our Shipping Facilities are unexcelled

We have the M. C. R. R. and G. T. W. R. R. sidetracks right at our doors; this does away with nearly all hauling to freight houses as shipments are loaded direct from factory into car; this is a big item of expense saved in which our customers share.

WE
PAY THE
FREIGHT

We ship anywhere, distance cuts no figure

STAY-LOCKED COLUMNS
DO STAY LOCKED

OUR GUARANTEE

Our columns are absolutely perfect in architectural proportion, mechanical construction and material. They will not open at the joints, check or warp. They are sold with the distinct understanding that if not satisfactory in every way they are returnable at our expense. *You take no risk whatever.*

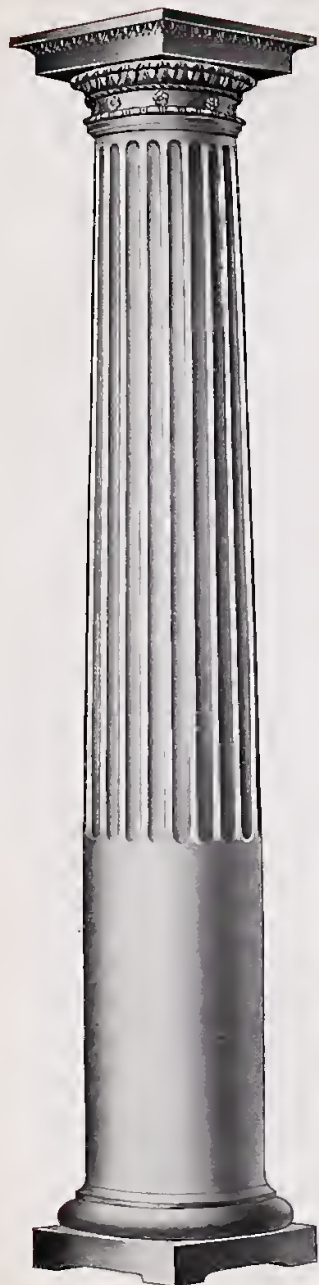
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TWELVE



DESIGN
FOURTEEN



JOINTS DON'T OPEN

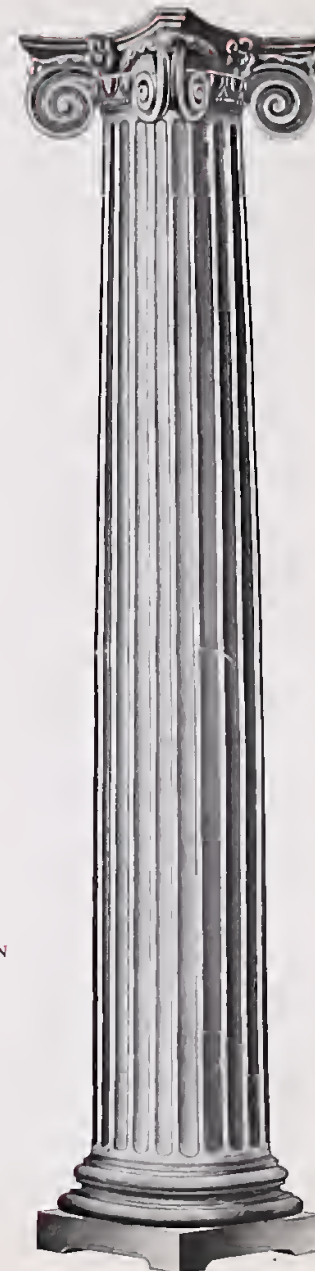


DESIGN
NINETEEN

STAY-LOCKED COLUMNS DO STAY LOCKED

Don't Lose Your GOOD Reputation
by using poorly made columns. Add to it by using our columns exclusively, the most durable and beautiful columns made. Write for delivered prices; it's dollars for both of us.

JOINTS DON'T OPEN



DESIGN
TEN



OUR REFERENCES

are the owners, architects, contractors and builders of any of the handsome homes illustrated in this catalogue as well as hundreds of others in all parts of the United States.



DESIGN
SIXTEEN (On Pedestal)



DESIGN
TWENTY-TWO

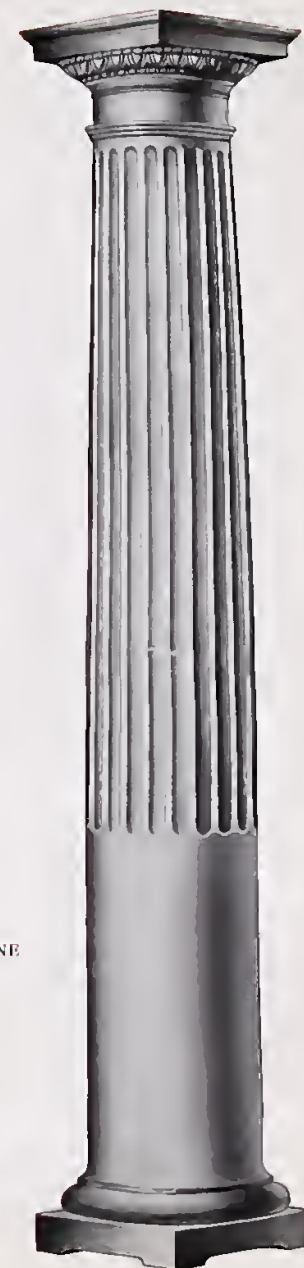


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SIXTEEN

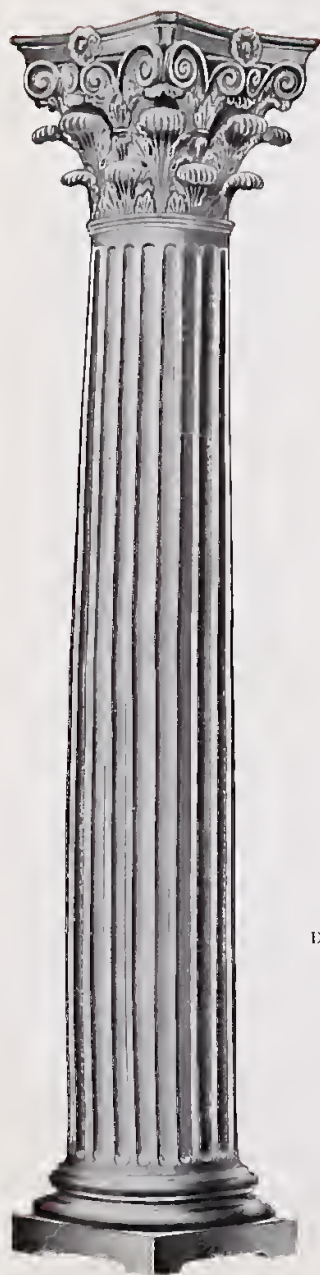
STAY-LOCKED COLUMNS DO STAY LOCKED

If You Have Never Seen Our Columns do not confuse them with the cheap glued-up affairs of nondescript design offered by some manufacturers. A column depending on glue alone to hold it together is not a reliable column. Our columns are guaranteed; use them and *add to your reputation as a reliable builder.* It costs you no more.

JOINTS DON'T OPEN



DESIGN
TWENTY-ONE



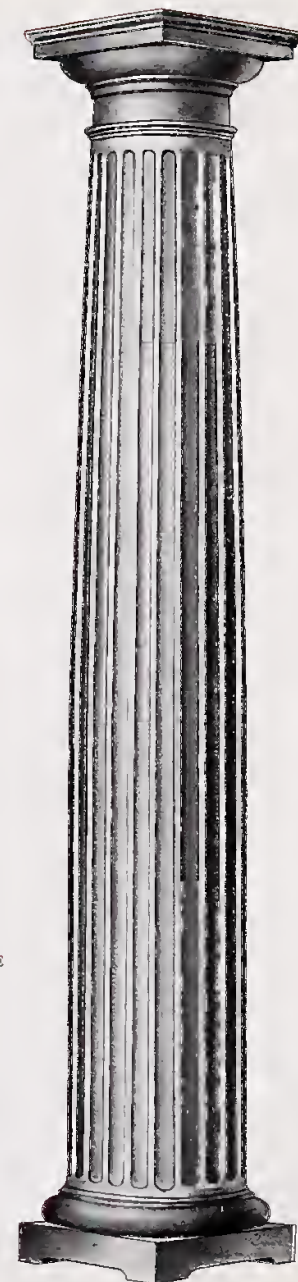
DESIGN
TWENTY

STAY-LOCKED COLUMNS
DO STAY LOCKED



THIS STAMP ON EVERY COLUMN

JOINTS DON'T OPEN



DESIGN
TWENTY-FIVE



We Make and Sell
more GOOD Columns than any
other firm in the United States.



OUR COLUMNS
may be found in all parts of the
United States. WE SHIP ANY-
WHERE.



A TASTY PERGOLA ENTRANCE

JOINTS DON'T OPEN

THE PERGOLA BEAUTIFUL

Stay-Locked Columns are specified by the most particular and discriminating architects for this purpose.

We are prepared to furnish pergolas complete, ready to set up, and will gladly quote prices on application.



Pergola adjoining office of American Column Company; covered with Dorothy Perkins Rambler Roses, 3 years old



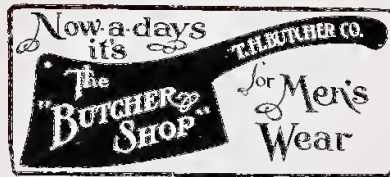
A Home at Passiac, N. J., showing beautiful effect produced with Number 14 Columns

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Built by D. C. Hill, Raleigh, N. C.

Residence of Dr. GOODWIN, Raleigh, N. C.



Battle Creek is justly proud of this establishment which enjoys a wide reputation of being one of the most unique, up-to-the-minute retail stores in the United States.

Note the useful and attractive manner in which our columns are utilized.



We receive many orders for columns to be used as pictured on this page as well as for display windows; florists use them in decorating for receptions, weddings, and other functions in private homes; they also make beautiful decorations for churches.

Columns are hollow and may be wired for electric or piped for gas fixtures.

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Architects, Barber & Klutz, Knoxville, Tenn.

Residence of Mr. J. F. KEITH, Beaumont, Texas.

Builder, David Getaz, Knoxville, Tenn.

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Furnished veranda — Residence of Mr. R. B. RANEY, Raleigh, N. C.

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Architect, Mr. Chas. W. Barrett, Raleigh, N. C.

Residence of Mr. R. B. RANEY, Raleigh, N. C.

Contractor, Mr. W. C. Bain, Greensboro, N. C.

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



A good illustration of an old house made beautiful by a modern veranda

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Residence of U. S. SENATOR TALLAFERRIO
Jacksonville, Fla.



PLEASE DON'T CUT THIS CATALOGUE,
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Remember that any goods not satisfactory may be returned,
and we bear all the expense.



Architect, W. B. Camp, Jacksonville, Fla.

Residence of Mr. CHAS. BLUM, Jacksonville, Fla.

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Architect, W. B. Camp, Jacksonville, Fla.

Residence of Mrs. E. MacDUFF, Jacksonville, Fla.

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Residence of Mr. CHAS. ALBRIGHT, Raleigh, N. C.



Number Twelve Columns

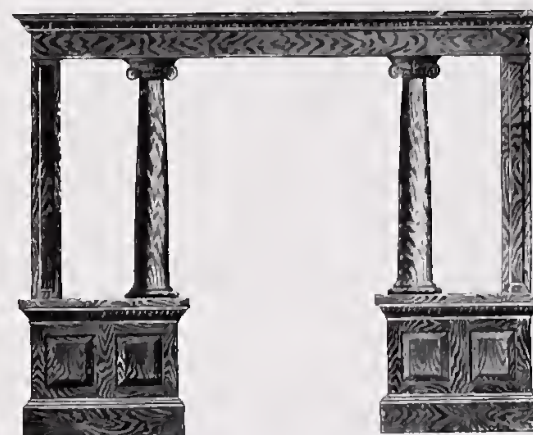
We submit these two designs of colonnades merely as a suggestion.

Interior columns which set on pedestals usually omit the square bases and unless otherwise specified in your order we will ship without them.

We shall be glad to advise with you on any matters pertaining to Colonial architecture.

COLONNADES have taken the place of the old style grilles and sliding doors and we now maintain a department especially for this class of work; we are prepared to furnish interior columns in yellow pine, oak, birch, mahogany, circassian walnut, in fact any kind of wood you specify.

The beautiful effect produced by the colonnade may be ruined by using ill shaped columns; you should use our columns and be assured of getting perfect designs, material and workmanship.



Number Sixteen Columns

COLUMNS MADE BY AMERICAN COLUMN COMPANY, BATTLE CREEK, MICHIGAN



Very effective grouping of our Number 16 Columns with Sawed Balusters

No. 25 Columns....10 in. x 7 ft. 6 in.
 No. 52 Top Rail.....1½ in. x 3½ in.
 No. 51 Bottom Rail.....1½ in. x 3 in.
 Square Balusters..... 1¼ in. x 18 in.

OLD HOUSE
 MADE MODERN
 WITH
 COLONIAL
 VERANDA

Illustration "A"



NUMBER 29

STUB NEWELS are usually 32 inches over all so that balusters from 16 to 24 inches long or rail with easings (goose necks) may be used. Newels should be sawed off at the bottom to conform with length of baluster used as the top of newel should never extend more than 4 inches above top rail. Dotted lines indicate where rails should intersect.



No. 14 Columns, 10 in. x 4 ft. 10 in.
 No. 52 Top Rail,1½ in. x 3½ in.
 No. 51 Bottom Rail, ...1½ in. x 3 in.
 Turned Balusters,1½ in. x 18 in.
 Cement Block Piers.

OLD HOUSE
 MADE MODERN
 WITH
 COLONIAL
 VERANDA

Illustration "B"



NUMBER 30

THE CAREFUL BUILDER always paints the inside as well as the outside of the bases with a good, thick coat of pure lead and oil before placing the columns in position. It is also a good idea to paint the bottom and inside of column as far as brush will reach.

As there is a continuous air space through both bases and the shaft all danger from decay is overcome.

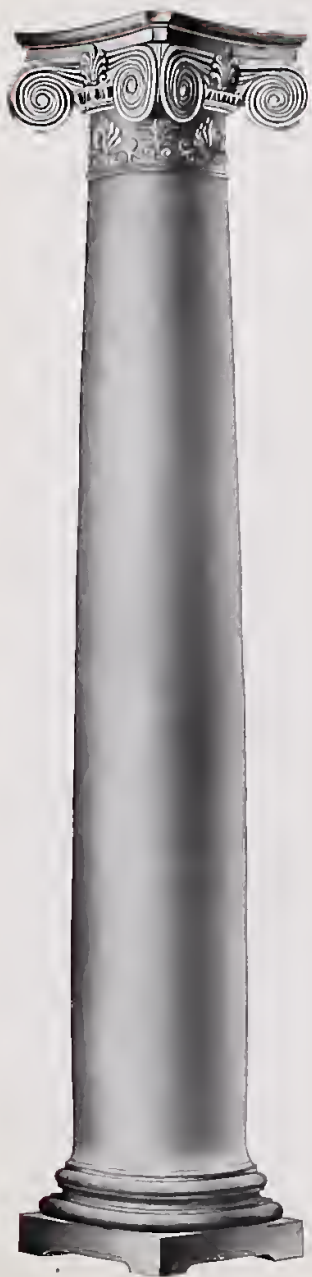
No. 16 Columns, 9 in. x 7 ft. 4 in.
 No. 100 Scamozzi Capitals, . . 7½ in.
 No. 52 Top Rail, 1¼ in. x 3½ in.
 No. 51 Bottom Rail . . 1¼ x in. 3 in.
 Square Balusters, 1¼ in. x 18 in.

OLD HOUSE
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 WITH
 COLONIAL
 VERANDA

Illustration "C"



UNLESS OTHERWISE ORDERED columns are primed one good coat pure white lead and oil; this is to protect from the weather and not to cover up defects.
 Shipments are carefully crated and reach you in perfect condition.



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WITH
COLONIAL
VERANDA

Illustration "D"

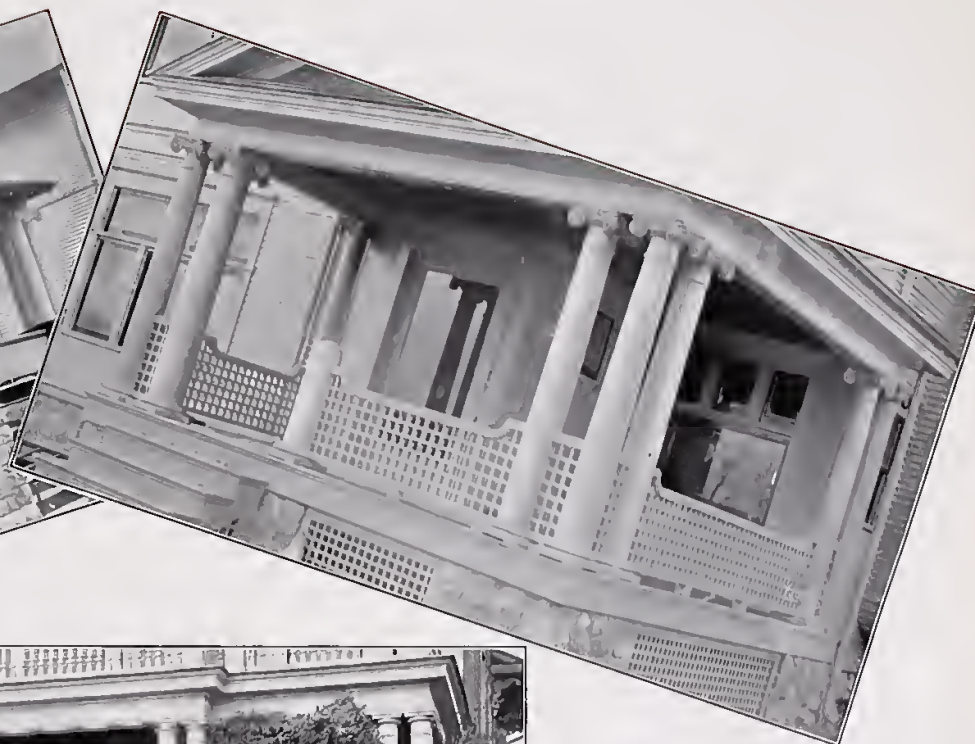


DESIGN
EIGHTEEN

No. 14 Columns, 10 in. x 8 ft. 0 in.
No. 52 Top Rail, 1½ in. x 3½ in.

No. 51 Bottom Rail, 1½ in. x 3 in.
Square Balusters, 1½ in. x 16 in.

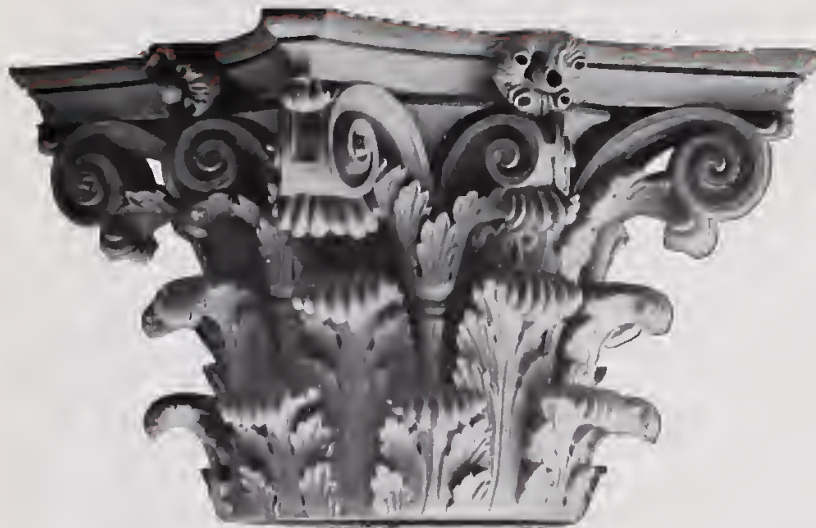
MATERIAL.—We use sound dry yellow poplar and cypress almost exclusively in our exterior columns; our long experience has fully convinced us that these two woods are the most durable for column purposes, and we do not hesitate to recommend them.



Following Architect's Details is
a SPECIAL FEATURE of
our work.



We make all kinds
of Interior Columns and gladly
submit our prices on application.



CORINTHIAN

DESIGN 101

We carry a complete stock, comprising all the various sizes in these four beautiful designs

THESE CAPITALS MAY BE FITTED TO ANY
OF OUR COLUMNS

SCAMOZZI

DESIGN 100

One of the most popular designs

QUITE INEXPENSIVE





MODERN IONIC WITH EMPIRE NECKING

DESIGN 104

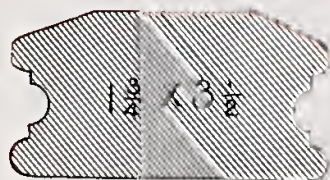
Our capitals will stand any weather
All material is the very best —
Workmanship and design absolutely faultless

MODERN IONIC

DESIGN 105

We can furnish any capital
shown in other catalogues





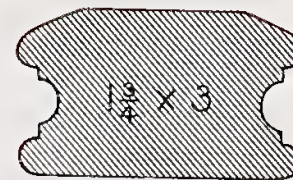
NUMBER 52—PORCH RAIL



SAWED BALUSTER
NUMBER 1



TURNED BALUSTER
NUMBER 2



NUMBER 53—PORCH RAIL

...WHAT THEY SAY...

From Franklin Keagy, Builder, Chambersburg, Pa.

"The columns you made for me several years ago were of such excellent character that they added to my reputation as a builder and I take pleasure in calling the attention of fellow builders to the goods you make as a duty I owe to you."

From I. S. Atkins, Builder, Worchester, N. Y.

"The columns I bought of you three years ago give entire satisfaction; the piazza is the finest in this section of the country."

From Andre Fouchy, U. S. Life Saving Service, Norfolk, Va.

"The columns are perfect and add greatly to the looks of my residence. I feel justly proud of them and wish to congratulate you on your excellent work."

From James Robinson, Builder, Toronto, Ont.

"The columns and pilasters I bought of you last summer for the Dr. Bain residence are the best I ever handled in my experience of 25 years as a contractor and builder."

From F. C. Mason, 16 Smith St., Brooklyn, N. Y.

"The columns I purchased of you 18 months ago are giving entire satisfaction in every respect; not a check or crack has made its appearance in any of them and my porch is admired by all."

From Geo. H. Johnson, Theatre Promotor, 1912 LaSalle St., St. Louis, Mo.

"The columns you furnished me for the New Majestic Theatre, Fort Wayne, Ind., arrived promptly; they are perfect and I congratulate you on the superior grade of work you turn out."

From S. P. Denning, Builder, Roswell, N. Mex.

"Your columns have always proved satisfactory and I know there can be none superior."

From James Behan, Builder, Jackson, Mich.

"Inclosed herewith draft for the four No. 14 columns; they are FINE, in fact, PERFECT, and I thank you for your prompt shipment."

From Walter H. Maze, Lumber Co., Peru, Ill.

"We have increased our column business since we started handling your line, although we did not advertise; the columns spoke for themselves and wherever used exacted favorable comment."

From Geo. Carroll & Bro. Co. Erie, Pa.

"We are satisfied that your columns are the best and neatest looking columns we have been able to buy; if you continue giving us prompt shipments and fair prices you will get our trade."

